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Letter dated 18 July 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have been instructed by my Government to lodge a protest over the circulation of the "Resolution on the protection of rights and interests of the Republic of Montenegro and its citizens" as a document of the Security Council at the request of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations on 11 July 2000 (S/2000/679).

The circulation of the "Resolution" by the Security Council constitutes gross interference in the internal affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, a sovereign and independent State. The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia has no right whatsoever to circulate a paper of Montenegro as a document of the Security Council. The arrogation of the right is tantamount to the support for separatist forces in Montenegro and is contrary to the will of the citizens of this constituent Republic of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. It transcends the competence of the Security Council and amounts to a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations.

The introduction of the practice and the tolerance of the activities, aimed at overt interference in internal affairs of independent States and at their dismemberment in flagrant violation of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, will have harmful consequences for the United Nations and overall international relations.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia calls upon the Security Council to reject and return the letter to its sender, as it contravenes its procedure and practice.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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